

HENRY FEDLER.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 468 ]

MARCH 23, 1860.

Mr. HALL, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the claim of Henry Fedler, report :*

That the petitioner served honestly, faithfully and continuously, for *thirteen years* in the 2d regiment of United States artillery ; that he was engaged with his company and regiment in several actions incident to the late Mexican and Florida wars, and that he was finally discharged from the United States army on the 25th of March last, on a certificate of disability. The certificate of Surgeon John M. Cuyler shows that the petitioner is afflicted with an enlargement of the knee-joint, which renders him partly lame, as also with chronic diarrhœa and chronic rheumatism, which often keeps him bedridden and unfit for all work for many weeks at a time. The certificate of his commanding officer also shows that his disability is in consequence of his long and exceedingly arduous services in the said wars. That he is now an inmate of the Military Asylum. The certificate of Richard H. Coolidge, assistant surgeon United States army, substantiates the above facts, and certifies "that in consequence of chronic rheumatism he is disabled *one-half* from obtaining his subsistence from manual labor ; he has also lost a portion of the thumb of the right hand and the tip of the ring finger of that hand." William F. Barney, Captain 2d artillery, United States army, testifies "that the petitioner was for a portion of the time he was in the service under his command ; that he served faithfully and honorably with his regiment in Mexico for more than two years, and was engaged with it in the several actions of *Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo, Churubusco, Molino Del Rey*, and the *Grita San Cosmi* ; that he had heard the officers under whose observation he fell on these occasions speak highly of his courage."

Your committee therefore concur in the opinion that the case is a meritorious one, and have reported a bill granting him a pension, at the rate of four dollars per month, from the date of his application, and to continue during his natural life, and recommend its passage.

